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*Oregon's Voice for Long Term Care & Senior Housing*

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Senate Committee on Human Services, Mental Health, and Recovery  
Oregon State Legislature  
900 Court St. NE  
Salem, OR 97301

*Re: Support House Bill (HB) 4012A*

Chair Gelser Blouin, Vice-Chair Robinson, and Members of the Committee,

The Oregon Health Care Association (OHCA) represents more than 90 percent of long term care providers across the state. Our goal is to improve lives of seniors and people with disabilities by promoting quality, affordable long term care. Our members include assisted living and residential care communities, post-acute care settings, and licensed in-home care agencies, including those that provide nursing and care services to medically fragile children.

We are pleased to support HB 4012A and urge its passage this session. Specifically, Section 2 of the measure helps private duty nursing providers who participate in Oregon's Children's Intensive In-Home Services (CIIS) program. This program provides flexible, family-centered, culturally sensitive case management services that help families care for their children with significant disabilities in their homes.

Historically, the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) has conducted nursing market studies to appropriately set Medicaid reimbursement rates to reflect the cost of care. Unfortunately, this does not happen on a consistent basis and sometimes these providers can go multiple biennia without appropriate rate adjustments to help serve this vulnerable population. Section 2 of HB 4012A provides clear legislative direction to OHA to conduct a nursing market study each biennium and appropriately adjust annual rates for providers in the CIIS program pending CMS approval. By ensuring a re-evaluation of Medicaid rates each biennium, it will allow these providers to be competitive as they work to recruit and retain licensed nurses and other caregivers.

Sincerely,

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